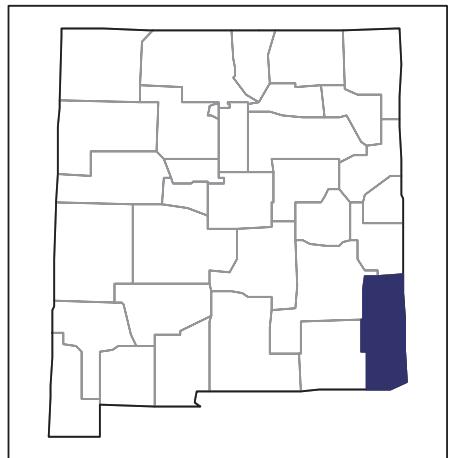


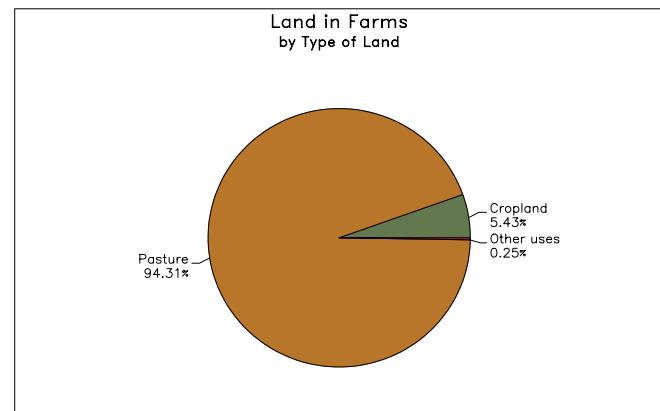
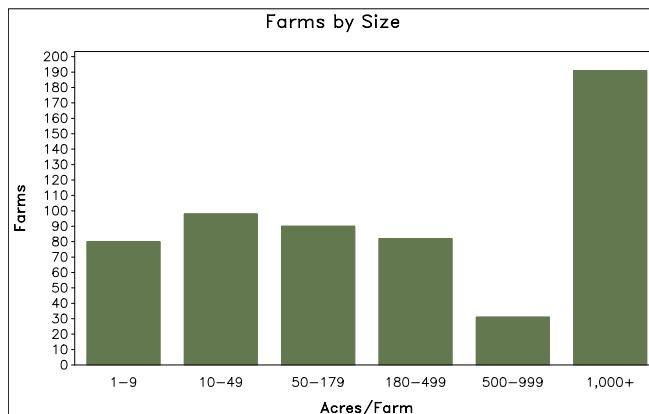
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## County Profile

### Lea, New Mexico



	2007	2002	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	572	554	+ 3
<b>Land in Farms</b>	2,365,168 acres	2,258,353 acres	+ 5
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	4,135 acres	4,076 acres	+ 1
 <b>Market Value of Production</b>	 \$93,644,000	 \$98,298,000	 - 5
Crop Sales \$17,037,000 (18 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$76,607,000 (82 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$163,713	\$177,433	- 8
 <b>Government Payments</b>	 \$3,237,000	 \$2,841,000	 + 14
Average Per Farm	\$20,884	\$17,754	+ 18



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#### Ranked items among the 33 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	93,644	7	33	948	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	17,037	9	33	1,560	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	76,607	6	32	534	3,069
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,850	11	30	1,814	2,933
Tobacco	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	437
Cotton and cottonseed	4,895	2	10	200	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	29	(D)	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	29	(D)	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	28	(D)	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(-)	(-)	8	(-)	1,710
Other crops and hay	6,064	6	31	267	3,054
Poultry and eggs	26	16	32	2,012	3,020
Cattle and calves	28,976	6	32	440	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	46,814	5	26	160	2,493
Hogs and pigs	18	7	31	2,017	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	194	10	32	645	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	548	5	32	442	3,024
Aquaculture	(-)	(-)	10	(-)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	30	15	31	1,600	2,875
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	82,199	6	32	217	3,060
Sheep and lambs	2,304	10	32	432	2,891
Horses and ponies	2,067	7	33	524	3,066
Layers	1,010	13	32	1,623	3,024
Goats, All	645	10	32	1,192	3,023
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	13,727	11	32	1,402	3,060
Cotton, all	12,089	2	10	206	627
Wheat for grain, all	3,665	6	21	1,118	2,481
Corn for silage	3,022	7	19	485	2,263
Peanuts for nuts	(D)	2	3	(D)	347

#### Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	229	Farming	230
\$1,000 to \$2,499	42	Other	342
\$2,500 to \$4,999	52	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	37	Male	486
\$10,000 to \$19,999	32	Female	86
\$20,000 to \$24,999	19	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.0
\$25,000 to \$39,999	18	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	21	American Indian or Alaska Native	12
\$50,000 to \$99,999	32	Asian	6
\$100,000 to \$249,999	34	Black or African American	11
\$250,000 to \$499,999	25	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	(-)
\$500,000 or more	31	White	804
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	86,340	More than one race	7
Average per farm (\$)	150,944	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	70
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	12,419		
Average per farm (\$)	21,711		

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.